

Inquiry into e-mobility safety and use in Queensland

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As a resident of Hervey Bay, I've seen a lack of enforcement of the existing laws regarding the use of e-bikes and e- scooters as the major factor contributing to non compliance and near miss incidents. I see daily users approaching on the wrong side of the road, dual riders, no helmets travelling at speed on footpaths often with their mobile phones in one hand. I have raised awareness on our local community FB page several times and the overwhelming response is one that the existing rules around the use of e-scooters and e-bikes are not adhered to or enforced. Appropriate signage around congregation points(shopping centres, skate parks etc), pedestrian corridors and footpaths should be a first step together with an advertising blitz, community engagement and education followed by a committed presence and enforcement by designated authorities. There are many grey areas regarding the event of an accident involving a e-scooter and motorist, should they at least have some form of insurance as anyone with a registered vehicle is required by law. I urge the committee to consider all these factors in due course in the interest of public safety for all parties concerned. Thank you.